GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
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FLUOROSIS IN NATIONAL CAPITAL REGION OF DELHI
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether certain villages in South Delhi have been hit by fluorosis as reported in Hindustan Times dated May 20, 2005;

(b) if so, details thereof;

(c) whether such studies are also likely to be conducted in other villages of National Capital Region of Delhi;

(d) if so, details of the plans worked out in this regard;

(e) if not, the reasons therefore;

(f) the preventive measures taken to check spreading of the fluorosis and to educate people regarding the disease; and

(g) the plans drawn to provide safe drinking water to people of National Capital Region of Delhi?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI A. NARENDRA)

(a) to (c) Some villages in the National Capital Territory (NCT) of Delhi are endemic for fluorosis based on high fluoride in ground water.

(d) to (g) All the villages in NCT of Delhi have been covered with safe drinking water supply. Delhi Jal Board supplies 675 MGD of water, which is potable, safe and conforms to the standards laid down by Bureau of Indian Standards. In areas having shortage of water, the supply is made through water tankers. Quality of drinking water supplied by Delhi Jal Board is checked at all stages from the water treatment plant to the consumer end. As reported by Delhi Jal Board, 6 water quality testing laboratories are monitoring the quality of drinking water for ensuring its potability.